

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7247–S7287

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4972–4982, S. Res. 796–797, and S. Con. Res. 51. **Pages S7280–81**

Measures Reported:

S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–304)

S. 4393, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4511, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to education, burial benefits, and other matters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7280**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life and Achievements of Former United States Senator Paul Spyros Sarbanes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 797, honoring the life and achievements of former United States Senator Paul Spyros Sarbanes and expressing condolences to the family of Paul Spyros Sarbanes on his passing. **Page S7271**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, correcting the enrollment of S. 1869. **Page S7285**

Motor Carrier Safety Grant Relief Act: Senate passed S. 3729, to provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. **Page S7285**

Telework for U.S. Innovation Act: Senate passed S. 4138, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program. **Pages S7285–86**

State Veterans Homes Domiciliary Care Flexibility Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4460, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive certain eligibility requirements for a veteran to receive per diem payments for domiciliary care at a State home, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7286**

Safeguarding Therapeutics Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5663, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to give authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to destroy counterfeit devices, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7286**

Portman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2694, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7286**

PARENTS Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3325, to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States to use incentive payments available under the child support enforcement program to improve parent-child relationships, increase child support collections, and improve outcomes for children by supporting parenting time agreements for non-custodial parents in uncontested agreements, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7287**

House Messages:

Secure Federal LEASEs Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1869, to require the disclosure of ownership of high-security space leased to accommodate a Federal agency. **Page S7285**

Foreign Military Sales Joint Resolutions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the disposition of the nomination of Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Senate resume legislative session, and it be in order for Senator Menendez, or his designee, to make motions to discharge S.J. Res. 77, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United

Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res. 78, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services; and if either motion is made, there be up to four hours of debate concurrently on the motions, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents of the joint resolutions, with Senator Menendez controlling 15 minutes of the proponents time immediately prior to the first vote; and upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motions to discharge the joint resolutions, in the order listed. **Page S7287**

Retiring Members Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the Congressional Record in tribute to retiring Members of the 116th Congress, and that Members have until Friday, December 18, 2020, to submit such tributes. **Page S7287**

Dickerson, Broussard, and Cooksey Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions with respect to the nominations of Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, and Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, be withdrawn; and that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, in the order which cloture was filed. **Page S7287**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Allen Dickerson at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. **Page S7287**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S7265, S7287**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2019.

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7249–57, S7287**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Irving Bailey, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years. **Page S7287**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—257) **Pages S7257, S7265**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Paul Spyros Sarbanes, former Senator for the State of Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 797, at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7287.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COAST GUARD CAPABILITIES IN THE ARCTIC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security concluded a hearing to examine United States Coast Guard capabilities for safeguarding national interests and promoting economic security in the Arctic, after receiving testimony from Admiral Charles W. Ray, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Francis, Woodwell Climate Research Center, Falmouth, Massachusetts; Major General Randy A. Kee, USAF (Ret.), University of Alaska Arctic Domain Awareness Center, Eagle River; and Stephanie Madsen, At-Sea Processors Association, Juneau, Alaska.

EARLY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR COVID-19

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine early outpatient treatment as an essential part of a